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A.—(a) The reasons, as already stated in my answer to a supplemental question asked by the hon. Member, are more or less personal to the Crown Prosecutor.

(b) The Government accepted the reasons and therefore do not propose to take any action.

MR. S. SATYAMURTI :—“ May I ask the hon. Member to kindly state whether it is a fact that the Crown Prosecutor voluntarily declined to appear and conduct the Imperial Bank Fraud Case in the Presidency Magistrate's Court or whether negotiations went on between him and the Government either private or informal ? ”

The hon. Mr. C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—“ Mr. President, Sir, in answer to a series of 19 questions on this subject put by the hon. Member for the University the Government has sent an answer that the Government do not propose to answer just now but propose to issue a communiqué after the proceedings are terminated.”

MR. S. SATYAMURTI :—“ I have not received it.”

The hon. Mr. C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—“ I take it that it will be laid on the table to-morrow or day after.”

Irrigation.

Amount spent on new irrigation schemes in certain districts.

83 Q.—Diwan Bahadur P. KESAVA PILLAI : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state the amount spent on new irrigation schemes during the last fifty years in the districts of Anantapur, Bellary, Kurnool and Cuddapah, respectively ?

A.—The amount spent up to March 1923 on schemes for which capital account is kept is over 2½ crores. Figures of expenditure incurred on new schemes for which this account is not kept are not available.

Diwan Bahadur P. KESAVA PILLAI :—“ May I know if the hon. Member could not give statistics for each district ? ”

The hon. Mr. C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—“ It is quite easy and it will be done.”

MR. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—“ Does it include the Kurnool-Cuddapah canal ? ”

The hon. Mr. C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—“ Yes.”

The irrigation sources of the Madura and Ramnad districts.

84 Q.—Rao Bahadur A. M. MURUGAPPA CHETTIYAR : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have made any investigation to develop the irrigation resources of the Madura and Ramnad districts, and if so, to place on the table the report of such investigation ; and

(b) whether the Government propose to undertake any irrigation project in the above two districts in the near future ?